



THE WEATHER: Moderate gusty E.S.E. winds, becoming light to variable later tonight. Fair this afternoon, becoming more cloudy later.

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Comment Of The Day

Growing Pains

1958 will go down in Hongkong's history as another year in which the problems of the future have called for huge effort and expenditure. The recent dust has stressed the need to keep several jumps ahead of a population that has surely grown faster in the last 10 years than anywhere else in the world—and continues to grow alarmingly: this is our big obsession. To feed, clothe, house, employ, and digest humanity at this rate has been a formidable problem. To plan ahead as well has caused severe strains.

Hongkong's greatest disadvantage is its confined area and unhelpful terrain. Part of the difficulty has been solved by building upwards instead of outwards but the cost of reclaiming land, sinking foundations and hewing sites out of hills makes most new ventures expensive and troublesome and the never-ending demands for more land are testing the enterprise of our planners.

The new runway is surely one of the most excellent examples of ingenuity and resourcefulness. It is not unique (a similar strip was built in war-time Gibraltar) but its adaptation for Hongkong, to solve the difficulty that Kai Tak and its tight ring of surrounding hills presented to the jet age, is typical of the way our planners are getting around the problems presented either by the topography of our land or its layout.

Another project distinctly forward-looking is the new reservoir at Shek Pak. Tai Lam Chung has only recently been completed but water figures for the last five years show the likely trend of consumption in the next decade. Shek Pak is a splendid valley yet it is not good reservoir land. The soil is porous and at considerable cost has to be impregnated with clay cement. And we are no sooner disposing of \$220 million on this scheme than the experts are again thinking ahead, this time of fresh water lakes in Tolo harbour.

This year a truly heroic effort has been made with the primary school programme. School construction in the coming year plans to provide 80,000 new places when only a year ago, 33,000 were envisaged. Lack of suitable land and site difficulties were obstacles conquered by the Education Department and the P.W.D. And this truly sensational break-through in our aim to give every Hongkong child a basic education is typical of the marvels this year has produced.

Here then are three outstanding examples of how Government is acting about providing for the future. It deserves credit as much for its foresight as its enterprise. And for something else as well—faith in the future. The shocks of 1958, particularly the Quemoy brink of September make for widespread uneasiness which is difficult to allay. There are signs all round of caution and a spreading of local interests abroad. Hongkong people need to be constantly assured that Government believes in our future and the most tangible way is vigorous and comprehensive long-term development. Hongkong must justify its own existence. This must again be our endeavour in the coming year.

44-YEAR-OLD CHINESE MARITIME MILLIONAIRE LOSES SUIT \$6m ORDER AGAINST HK MAN

U.S. Freighters Sold To Chinese Reds

San Francisco, Dec. 30.

The U.S. Government won a judgment today for U.S. \$1,027,000 (about HK\$6 million) damages against T. Y. Fong (44), Chinese maritime millionaire, in connection with the sale of American freighters to the Chinese Communists.

Fong, then a resident of Hongkong, had purchased 15 surplus ships in the Philippines after World War II on the condition that they be scrapped.

Scrapped

However, the judgment said five of the ships were sold and only eight were known to have been scrapped. The other two ships disappeared in tow to the Chinese mainland after they encountered Chinese Nationalist gunboats.

Fong, a former resident of San Francisco, was arrested here on December 31, 1958. He posted \$50,000 bail, but went to São Paulo, Brazil, with his assets.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Schmaize said he had no doubt that the U.S. Government would be able to recover the judgment in foreign courts.

The movie, released by United Artists, starred Sidney Poitier and Tony Curtis, in the tale of two convicts fleeing from a posse in the South.

SUSAN HAYWARD

Susan Hayward won the best actress award for her portrayal of a woman doomed to execution in Walter Wanger's "Wanted To Live!"

David Niven was named the best actor of the year for his role as a bogus major in "Separate Tables," a Hecht-Hill-Lancaster production for United Artists release.

The award of best foreign film went to "My Uncle," a French import produced, written and directed by and starring Jacques Tati.—U.P.I.

FIGHT TO SAVE 12-OUNCE GLORIA ENDS

Chicago, Dec. 30.

Twelve-ounce Gloria Hansen died today. If she had lived would have equalled the record for the smallest baby to survive.

Gloria died even as hopes for her survival rose. Doctors had succeeded in getting nourishment into her tiny body for the first time, overcoming a major obstacle in their struggle to keep alive the flickering spark of life.

But Gloria's chances of survival were never better than slim and overwhelming odds caught up with her.—U.P.I.

Poultry Attack Stops Police

Naples, Dec. 30.

Poultry thieves today shook off Naples police by hurling stolen turkeys under the wheels and onto the bumpers of a police car pursuing them outside the city.

The thieves waited until the police car chasing them got close enough, then let loose with turkeys from a truck loaded with the stolen birds.

One turkey hit the police car driver right in the face, and the police gave up the chase.

France-Press.

Mikoyan's Visit

Washington, Dec. 30.

Mr. Anatoli Mikoyan, the Soviet Deputy Premier, will arrive in New York either on Saturday or Sunday next aboard a Scandinavian Airlines plane,

Soviet sources said tonight. —Reuter.

THE editor and staff of the China Mail wish readers a happy and prosperous New Year. The China Mail will not be published tomorrow—New Year's Day—but an early edition will be on sale on Friday morning.

The South China Morning Post will be published as usual tomorrow but will not be published on Friday.

In today's China Mail a full racing service is provided in the sports pages together with tips for tomorrow's races.

In Friday's paper, the results of the New Year's Day meeting together with Rapier's comments for the second day's racing will be published.

The job—Chief Adviser to Defense Minister Duncan Sandys on Navy, Army and Air Force matters—is expected to last three years. Mountbatten was expected to become Supreme when the post was created last July, but for political reasons Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir William Dickson was appointed.

This time, by making the announcement so long in advance, Sandys wins two political points—firstly he has foreshadowed a carefully planned campaign involving a considerable number of Conservative back-benchers to stop Mountbatten from getting the job.

The objections of these Members of Parliament is based partly on Mountbatten's record as Viceroy during the partition of India.

Sandys' second point of victory is that he has smothered strong Whitehall rumours that he and Mountbatten are secretly at loggerheads over H-bomb policy. Naval friends of Mountbatten have been making a last-ditch effort to induce the Cabinet to overrule Sandys' decision to go ahead with his £500,000,000 plan for arming the RAF with H-bomb carrying rockets.

Two Reasons

They want money put into submarines instead.

Two reasons for Mountbatten's selection were that firstly, after an RAF appointment, the next Supreme must be an Army or a Navy man, and secondly, Mountbatten is the most senior and widely experienced of the existing Defence Chiefs and there would be nothing for him but retirement without the Supreme job.

—London Express Service.

Observatory On Moon Planned This Century

Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 30. An astronomer said today that plans were being considered for placing a man-operated observatory on the moon some time in the 20th century.

Dr Lawrence H. Aller of the University of Michigan Observatory said the space-science board of the National Academy of Science was considering five implementation phases for laying down the groundwork for the project.

Addressing the annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Dr Aller said one of the steps in establishing a "lunar observatory" would include a space station.

SPACE STATION

"Such space stations will probably carry crews and this circumstance will require means for getting men up into space and back again to Earth safely," he said.

"Before the end of this century the lunar observatory should be a reality and astronomers will then be able to carry out a host of critical observations in fields ranging from astronomy to cosmology," Dr Aller told the some 180 delegates at the closing session of the three-day meeting.

BAKED SPACEMEN

In Washington, a Government scientist disclosed the U.S. Air Force has "baked" spacemen at temperatures of up to 500 degrees to test human ability to withstand extreme heat during space flights.

Dr Paul Webb, who performed the tests and was a human guinea pig in some of them, said the peak heat lasted for less than a minute. He said the special test oven was turned off "as soon as the subject said such."

The warrior had a wound on his neck with traces of blood still showing on the green silk bandage.

The cold dry weather in the area was credited with preserving the body almost intact.—France-Press.

Rochdale Welcomes Clague's Statement

London, Dec. 30. Lord Rochdale, Chairman of the Cotton Board, today welcomed a statement by Mr J. D. Clague, Chairman of the Hongkong Textile Negotiating Committee, on the Colony's promise to restrict cotton goods exports to Britain.

Mr Clague had said in Hongkong that while Hongkong had never had the power to solve Lancashire's problems, "we have done our best."

Lord Rochdale said: "Speaking on behalf of the industry I welcome Mr Clague's statement and the coming into operation of the undertaking to which he refers."

"I believe the industry will recognise that this undertaking will give some bodily needed measure of stability for the future."—Reuter.

Six Reprieved

Nicosia, Dec. 30. Six Greek Cypriots under sentence of death have been reprieved; it was officially announced here today.

All the sentences have been commuted to life imprisonment.—Reuter.

ATTACK BID ON BATISTA'S TWO SONS

New York, Dec. 30. Five men, apparently supporters of the Cuban rebel leader, Fidel Castro, lunged at two sons of President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba today shortly after the boys had stepped off a plane that brought them here from Havana.

The men, all shouting in Spanish, were seized by police before they could reach the boys—Roberto, about 12, and Carlos Muriel, about 9.

The incident occurred as the boys were walking from the terminal building at Idlewild Airport to get into a waiting limousine. They were among a party of 10 who arrived here on a National Airlines plane.

SEARCHED

Police held the five men in an entrance way as the limousine sped away with Batista's sons and the others. While a large crowd looked on, the men were ordered to face the wall and put their arms over their heads. They kept shouting while police searched them for weapons. They were then taken to a private room in the airport for questioning.

HE SPAT ON A CRUCIFIX

Rome, Dec. 30. Italy's highest court, ruled today that blasphemy and insults against the Roman Catholic religion are a crime despite the fact that all denominations are equally free before the law.

The constitutional court made the ruling in connection with the case of Giuseppe Pumarolo, charged before a lower court in the town of Martina Franca for publicly spitting at a crucifix.

The constitutional court ruled that despite the equality of religious denominations, Catholics still "deserve particular protection" because it is the religion of a majority of Italians and insults against it touch off a particularly wild public reaction.—U.P.I.

England Make 92 For 4

Melbourne, Dec. 31. The Second Test Match went off to a sensational start here today as, with the score at seven, Alan Davidson claimed three valuable England wickets in his second over without conceding a run.

But Trevor Bailey, tried as an opener, and his captain, Peter May checked the threatened collapse with careful play and at the luncheon adjournment had brought England's score to 55 without further loss.

After lunch, Bailey and May continued to keep the scoreboard moving until Bailey was caught by Benard off Kline.

His contribution was a valuable 46, and England were four down for 92.—Reuter.

(See Page 7)

Lunch Scoreboard

England—1st Innings
P. Richardson, c Grout, b
T. Bailey, not out	29
W. Watson, b Davidson ..	0
T. Graveney, lbw Davidson ..	0
P. May, not out	22
Extras	1
Total (for 3 wickets)	55
Full of wickets: 1-7, 2-7, 3-7.	

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AMERICA WINS DAVIS CUP

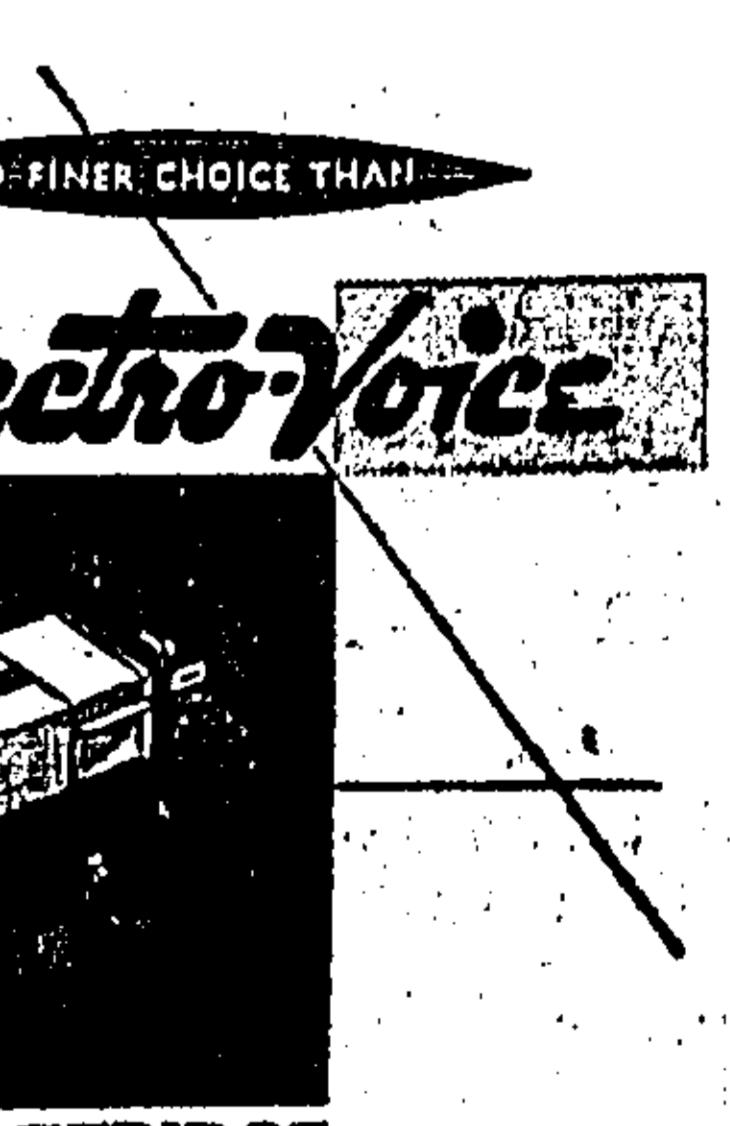
America today won the Davis Cup from Australia. Olmedo, playing for the first time in the American team scored his second win of the five-match contest and gave his team a 3-1 lead.

Olmedo beat Australia's Ashley Cooper 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

129 For Four

Melbourne, Dec. 31. A fourth wicket stand of 85 between Trevor Bailey and Peter May enabled England to stage a partial recovery by tea on the first day of the second test, with the score 129 for four.

—Reuter.



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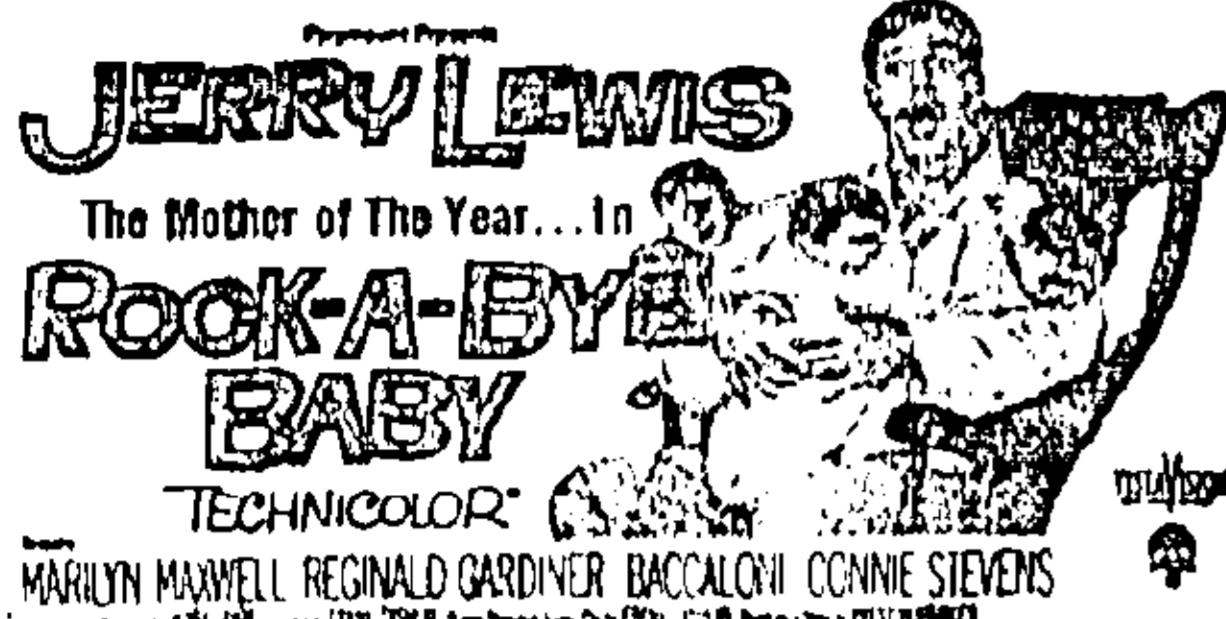
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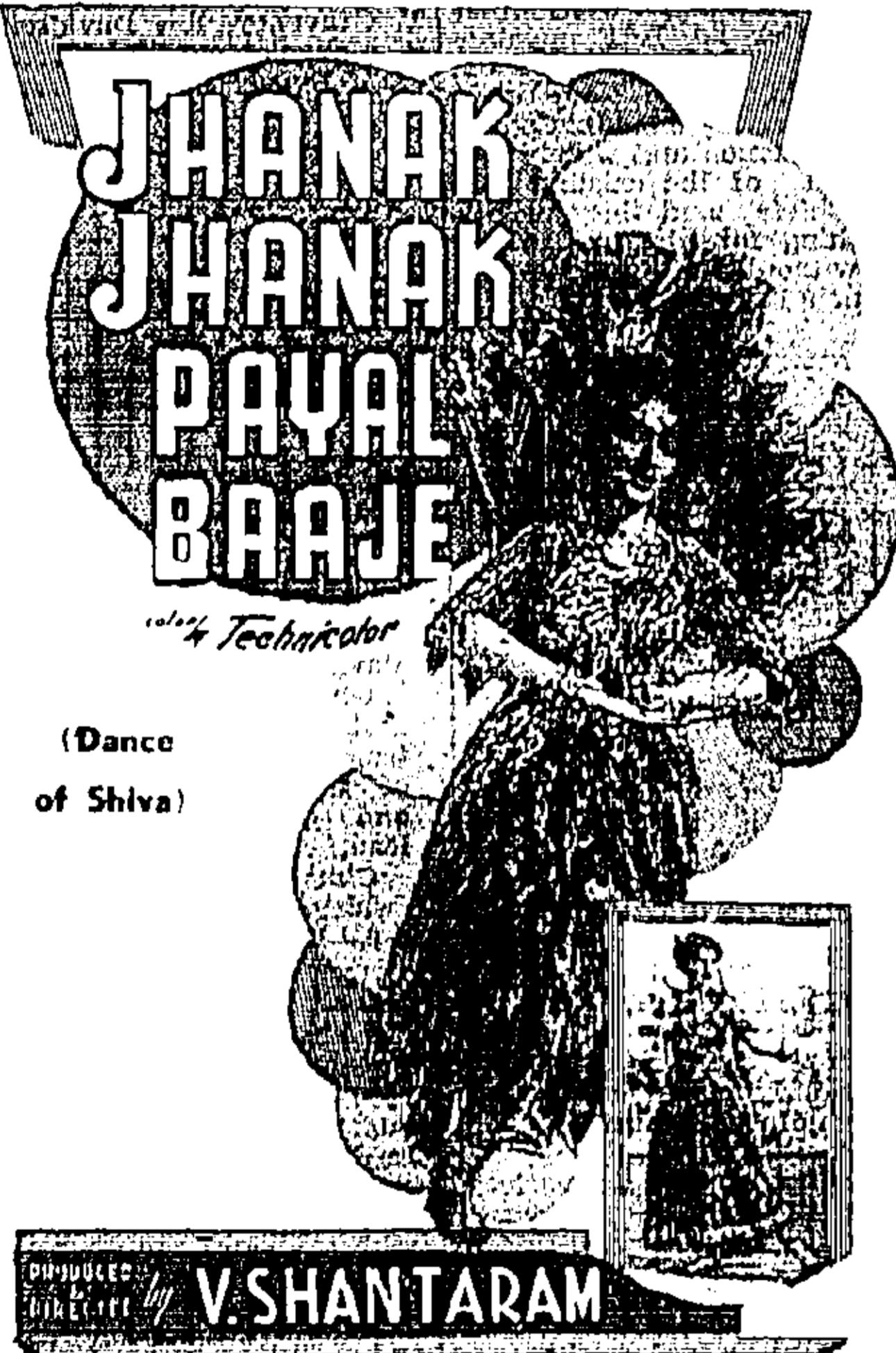
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Become
A BLOOD DONOR**The British Red Cross Blood
Collecting Centre
is now on the
8th Floor of Fung House,
Connaught Road, Central.**POP****Make Berlin
The UN City***American General Wants To
Give It Vatican-Like Status*

New York, Dec. 30. General Carl Spaatz, former Commander-in-Chief of the American Strategic Air Force in Europe, proposed today in the weekly "Newsweek" that the Berlin problem should be solved by turning the city over to the United Nations and making it the permanent headquarters of the UN. He said Berlin would thus become UN territory, just as Vatican City is the territory of the Roman Catholic Church. He said it would be governed by the UN as the American capital, Washington DC, is administered by Congress. General Spaatz said that as the headquarters of the United Nations, Berlin would be really an international city whose integrity would be guaranteed by all the UN member countries, including the Soviet Union. He said that the idea of Berlin as headquarters for the UN had not originated with him, but was first suggested by former American Embassy Counsellor in Moscow, John C. Wiley.—France-Presse.

**Millionaire
Arrested
On Israeli
Liner**

Marseille, Dec. 30. A squad of French riot police coaxed "millionaire rag picker" Joseph Jagnovici out of his cabin today and arrested him aboard the Israeli liner "Theodor Herzl."

The legendary "Mister Joseph," who is wanted by French police on swindling charges, was taken off peacefully three hours after the liner put in from Haifa.

He had first huddled behind the bolted door of his cabin, deaf to law officials shouting "open up, police."

But Jagnovici's lawyer, Charles Delaney, persuaded his client to open up. Jagnovici then disappeared in gloomy silence for nearly two hours while police read him six arrest warrants issued by various French judges.—U.P.I.

**"All Bunkum" About
Singapore's Guns
Admiral On Fall Of Naval Bastion**

ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, wartime Naval Com-
mander-in-Chief in the Far East, has broken his long silence
on Singapore — but only briefly.

He talked about despatches that were never published because he refused to alter them. They concerned the defence of Singapore and its subsequent fall.

And they named people in the War Office, the Admiralty, and the Colonial Office responsible for the disaster, Admiral Layton revealed.

It is because the despatches name names that they are still secret.

The despatches do not support the theory that the guns defending Singapore were wrongly placed and that it was not considered that an attack would come from the north. "That's all bunkum about guns being the wrong way round," said the admiral. "Singapore fell for other reasons."

The people blamed by the admiral for the island's fall were those who failed to carry out urgent advice passed on to them from Singapore.

Speaking at his home at Rowlands Castle, near Portsmouth, Sir Geoffrey said: "I'll tell you this much. I was very critical of a good deal. When I went out there I was told to carry out a tactical appreciation

of what was required to hold the Malayan peninsula.

"That I did, but it was never implemented by the people at home."

I asked Sir Geoffrey if he would name the people in his despatches. He said: "I can't do that while they are still alive, unless it is done with official approval."

"I suppose I could go ahead and publish myself but I don't think that would be playing the game."—London Express Service.

**Small World
Signal?**

New York, Dec. 30. Mr Peter Elstob, business manager of "The Small World," said tonight that a ham radio operator in Trinidad had reported hearing a possible signal from the 47-foot balloon yesterday.

"But we don't place much credence in this report," he added. It was said to have placed the balloon over the Atlantic 1,200 miles east of Trinidad yesterday.—Reuter.

"Gulliver's Travels" 11

**JUDGMENT
RESERVED
ON GHANA
DETENTIONS**

Accra, Dec. 30. Mr Justice H. C. Smith, English judge of the Accra divisional court, today reserved judgment indefinitely on a motion seeking the release of 38 people detained for an alleged conspiracy to assassinate the Prime Minister, Dr Kwame Nkrumah, and two other ministers.

The men are held in James Fort prison under the Preventive Detention Act, which provides for detention up to five years without trial.

The motion seeking their release was filed by an Accra barrister, Mr Basil Lurbi, who argued before the court today that the Governor-General, Lord Listowel, or whoever signed the detention order had no power or authority to do so because the grounds of arrest as published constituted a criminal offence.

He said that he was not asking that the detainees should be released and acquitted but that they should be released to appear before a court under the Habere Corpus act.

Mr Samuel Azzu Crabbe, Senior Crown Counsel told the court that when the security of the state was in danger, the rights of individual subjects should give way to the paramount interest of the state.

He also submitted that under the Preventive Detention Act, parliament had determined that any person who acted in a manner prejudicial to the security of the state might be detained.

Mr Crabbe had earlier stated that the issuing of the detention order was a matter within the exclusive power of the Governor-General and the court could not interfere with the merits of the order.

He asked the court today to take no notice of affidavits filed on behalf of the applicants to the effect that they had been wrongly described.—Reuter.

**Skier Rushed
To Hospital**

Turin, Dec. 30. Gauthier Malraux, 18-year-old son of M. Andre Malraux, French minister responsible for cultural affairs, was rushed to hospital here tonight suffering from a form of paralysis.

The young student collapsed from severe spinal pains while skiing with friends at the Alpine resort of Bardonecchia near the French border. Later his left arm became paralyzed.—Reuter.

**ORIENTAL MAJESTIC
AIR CONDITIONED****SHOWING SIMULTANEOUSLY TO-DAY—**

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**COMMENCING TO-MORROW—****ORIENTAL
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"THE CIRCUS"****"KOREAN WAR"**

U.S. IS CLOSING MISSILE GAP WITH REDS

-Says Top Space Expert

Silent TV Critic Gaoled

New York, Dec. 30. Miss Marie Torre, radio and television critic of the New York Herald Tribune, was today ordered to begin a ten-day prison sentence next Monday after she again refused to disclose the source of a news story about singer Judy Garland.

The news item resulted in a suit for \$1,393,333 (about £500,000) by Miss Garland against the Columbia Broadcasting System, alleging libel and breach of contract.

The libel suit referred to a statement about Miss Garland in Miss Torre's column, quoting an unnamed C.B.S. executive.

Federal District Judge Sylvester Ryan told Miss Torre today his sentence, imposed in November 1957, had been upheld by higher courts but he did not want to commit her "unless you compel me to."

Poor Example

He again asked her to reveal the source of her news item and she replied: "I respectfully decline to answer."

Judge Ryan asked her lawyer Mr. Mathias Correa, if Miss Torre realized that after serving her gaol term, she could be called upon again to answer questions concerning the news item and again be sentenced to prison if she refused.

Mr. Correa said he had informed Miss Torre of this.

Judge Ryan, ordering her to surrender by 10 a.m. on Monday, told Miss Torre she had set a poor example to her fellow citizens in defying the court's judgment.

The judge said she had an additional obligation as a journalist whose writings influenced public opinion.

Miss Torre's case had been made a test of journalists' right not to divulge the sources of a news story.—Reuter.

Too Far

Santa Monica, Dec. 30. John F. Toshiyuki, 32-year-old West Los Angeles druggist, today was awarded a divorce from his wife of 19 years on testimony that she lost \$60,000 while gambling in Las Vegas U.P.I.

CANCER CASES SENT TO WAR

London, Dec. 31. Medical examinations of reservists called up at the start of the war were so cursory that men were sent to France suffering from cancer of the stomach and inoperable hernia, according to a book published today.

It was known that the sky writer was a jet, but no one knew whether the pilot who put on the romantic display of fancy flying was British or American — except perhaps one girl in Warrington.—France Presse.

The Atlas now in orbit weighs four and a half tons, but its payload of instruments is only 150 pounds.

"There undoubtedly are some missile fields in which we are still behind," Dr. York said, "but in general I think we are closing the gap."

Two A Month

The United States is planning to launch an average of two satellites a month in 1959 while forging ahead with ballistic missiles and other nuclear weapons to deter Russia from war.

Dr. York's statements gave further disclosures on the race.

In this contest, America is credited by many experts with setting a faster pace in space exploration this year and holding its own in long-range missile development.—U.P.I.

South Malaya Now Free Of Terrorists

Singapore, Dec. 31. All of south Malaya is now free of Communist terrorists. This follows the proclamation of Johore State as a "white" (terrorist-free) area this morning.

Johore, separated from Singapore by a short causeway, was one of the last remaining strongholds of the Communist insurgents.

Now only two Communists are at large in the state, and they are expected to surrender shortly.

The break-up of the Communist organisation in Johore means that the Thailand border area is the only area left in Malaya where large terrorist bands still roam freely.

Few Left

Leaders of the security forces believe that after 10 years of fighting, fewer than a thousand terrorists are left in the jungle.

At the peak of their strength, early in 1950, Communists under arms in Malaya numbered about 11,000.

The final operation against the terrorists in Johore started in June in the south-eastern corner of the state.

Thirty-five of the 37 Communists in the area were eliminated.

Years Of Murder

Troops taking part in the Johore campaign were principally Malaysian and Malaya.

Announcing the break-up of the terrorist forces, the Regent of Johore, Sir Ismail Ibni Sultan Ibrahim, said: "We have won this freedom after 10 years of murder, terror and intimidation. Let us all resolve never to allow the forces of evil to re-establish themselves again in this free country."—Reuter.

Grenade Outrage: 3 Dead

Algiers, Dec. 30. Three people were killed today when a terrorist hurled a grenade in the Capital quarter of Algiers.—France Presse.

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Pueblo address? (6). 2. Egyptian bird (4). 9. Feature of wood (5). 10. Tiff organ often needs blowing (5). 11. The ship's company boasted (4). 12. Percentage some soldiers get (10). 15. Put to some purpose (4). 16. Wild run over daily (4). 18. House-painters, etc. (10). 22. Kents wrote several (4). 24. Makes a valuation (5). 25. Everything fruits (5). 26. Bundle from Elba (4). 27. Part of ancient Greece (6). 28. Part of ancient Greece (6). 29. Attractions upward (4).

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"...A SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST"

The Birth Of The Post

FROM now on, the highest venturous period of the Colony was over. The interesting reading deals with affairs removed from administration. The slanging matches in the paper conducted with decorum, and every one was careful not to tread over the line.

In 1894, Mr T. H. Reid became a partner in the China Mail, and also editor of the paper; and, in 1900, the Hongkong Telegraph after being run by Mr Chesney Duncan and Mr J. J. Francis, Q.C. was formed into a limited company.

The principal shareholders were Chinese residents who took over the Hongkong Telegraph as a paper in which they might express their views. With Mr J. P. Braga as their manager, the paper was conducted on lines in keeping with the highest principles of journalism together with fair expression.

So as the century closes, and we enter the present century, three newspapers continue, of which only the China Mail remains. The Hongkong Telegraph still exists, however, and is printed from time to time to keep it alive, although only sufficient copies are published to satisfy such requirements that its name be retained.

The South China Morning Post entered the arena as a limited liability company with a capital of \$150,000 on March 18, 1903, and its first number was issued in the following November.

The founder of the Company was Mr A. Cunningham who had previously been connected with newspapers in Singapore, Shanghai, and Hongkong. He acted as the general manager.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"And may I remind you, Chumble, that however great the difference in our liturgical views, we do not refer to the Bishop as 'that Low Church square.'"

London Express Service

ROUND-UP

OUR BOOTS

BRITISH manufacturers may soon have a new line on the West German market football boots. During a week's visit to Britain a West German delegation of shoe retailers went to an exhibition of British footwear, organised by the British Footwear Manufacturers. They showed keen interest in British made soccer boots. A selection of these boots will be sent to Germany for examination by specialist buyers.

PROUD OF BACON

ENGLISH bacon has gained a boost in the village of Hornsden, Kent, during the past year. More than 2,000 customers in and around the village are supplied with locally-produced bacon and some housewives, while remaining faithful to their own grocers for all other provisions, obtain their bacon at the one store in the district that sells the English product. This much-sought-after bacon is produced at Rock Farm, near Hornsden, by Mr F. Cornwallis, son of Lord Cornwallis, Lord Lieutenant of the County.

MASCOT

STAFF at Watford, Hertfordshire, Peace Memorial hospital's pathological department have a new mascot—a Gils-Gills, the only one in Britain they believe. The Gils-Gills was given to the staff by a rat catcher who was called to wipe out a rat colony which invaded Bovingdon Hertfordshire. The grey furry animal is about 6 inches long. It came from a family which started when two escaped from the late Lord Rothschild's private zoo at Tring, 20 years ago.

NELSON'S GIFT

A SWORD, which Nelson presented to an Italian Admiral over 100 years ago has been handed over by Signor Emano Imbert, last descendant of the admiral, to the British Naval Attache in Rome for presentation to the Greenwich Naval Museum. It was given by Nelson to Admiral Antonio Imbert for his services and devotion to a Spanish branch of the Bourbons.

AID FOR DOG

A HARD-OF-HEARING pet dog has been fitted with a deaf aid by Mayfair London Hearing Corporation "Service". A member of the firm chose one of the latest models in which battery and microphone are contained in a box one and a half inches long. A special head band had to be made. "After the first bewilderment when the dog did not quite understand where the sound was coming from he got used to it," said the maker. "He soon reacted like a human being and obviously enjoyed being able to hear without being shouted at."

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By JOHN LUFF

long, and soon seized the largest circulation.

The time was fortunate because the Russo-Japanese War was soon to break out. During this war, the Post was strongly pro-Japanese, but at the same time did not overlook certain trade tricks which had been performed by the country that was then Great Britain's Ally.

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In 1904, there was an attempt to form a newspaper Association. Like most things formed out here, once the first enthusiastic rush was over, the thing fell apart, but with so many Colony records looted

during the Japanese occupation, it might be as well to record the names of the first Committee in the hope that someone might be able to tell us something about it.

The President was Mr T. H. Reid of the China Mail; Chairman, Mr P. W. Sergeant of the Daily Press. The Committee was formed of Mr Douglas Story, Editor of the South China Morning Post; Mr W. H. Donald, China Mail; Editor, and Mr E. A. Newdin of the Hongkong Telegraph.

The object of the Association was to promote the "status of journalists in the Far East."

This article in the constitution of the short-lived committee takes us back by association to the first years of the Colony. When the Post was the pioneer of the 10-cent newspaper in Hong-

the new court were held in 1850, in a building which I place on a site opposite the present King's cinema, the gentlemen from the press were invited to sit at a table inside the bar.

In the hope that they were mindful of the honour shown them, they were reminded "that they would testify their regard for the attention shown for their accommodation by appearing there in the ordinary garb of gentlemen."

There is no record left to show whether they did appear in the ordinary garb of gentlemen.

Journalists have a reputation for disregard of the ordinary conventions of society, but history shows that reporters were later given seats immediately in front of the dock. Which might have had a sinister intention.

From now on the press set the pattern. It has maintained over the past fifty years. In the main, we could say that the Hongkong papers keep the Colony informed of the outside world, and that the papers are better produced—but could an old journalist return to the Colony, the greatest difference he would notice in the present papers is in the editorials.

This was pointed out fifty years ago by Mr W. H. Donald, then editor of the China Mail, and his comment is as true today as it was then.

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He wrote: "Cricket, however, is not so free as is possible in other parts of the world. The community is small, (he meant comparatively) interests are surprisingly interwoven, and a tendency exists in some quarters to obstruct legitimate reference to certain interests by withdrawing support from a paper guilty of indiscretion."

"One or two papers endeavour to stem this tide of demoralisation, and whether the survival of the fitness will ultimately see the editor on top or not, remains to be seen."

Unfortunately, Mr Donald does not refer to the particular incident he had in mind, and I have no reference to any "Indiscretion" on the part of the editor of the China Mail. This however, I do know. That for some reference made in the China Mail during the year 1904, the foreign community boycotted the paper.

This was a severe blow, for not only was the South China Morning Post, by its new equipment and all round efficiency, plus good coverage of the Japan-Russia trouble, taking over circulation, but this boycott placed the newcomer well in front.

Mr Donald went on to seek his readers if such measures made for good press; he said, "The result is that the average editor has to think twice before he publishes an article such as the general reader sometimes looks for."

Mr Donald tells his readers that "any impudence (in the press) noticeable is due more to force of circumstances than to the weather..."

What I can read there is that Mr W. H. Donald was pretty hurt. As far as I can see, he was a fine sort of chap with a sense of vocation, and certainly no sensational journalist.

He came from Lithgow, N.S.W., and served on the staffs of the Daily Telegraph, Sydney, and The Argus, Melbourne.

He joined the China Mail in 1903 and rapidly rose to the editor's chair. He was special correspondent for the Daily Express, London, and the China Mail, covering the movements of the ill-fated Baltic fleet, under Admiral Rozhestvensky. Donald was the only English correspondent to witness the Russian fleet sail to its doom to Tsushima on May 14, 1905.

I should say that W. H. Donald was the last of the old line of editors, although a very fine and responsible one, who stood aside from the Colony, and gave fair comment on Hongkong affairs.

The last foreign editor I remember in court was the popular Father T. Sheridan, S.J. Had Father Sheridan turned up the files of the China Mail for 1904, and read Donald's comments on comment in the press, he would have been advised on what the China Mail euphemistically termed "indiscretions."

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Father Sheridan was then editor of "Outlook," a very high class journal, which maintained an excellent class of journalism. Unfortunately, the local circulation was insufficient to keep the monthly magazine going, and its overseas circulation, while good, did not extend rapidly enough to keep it alive.

In a way, the outcome of the affair was similar to that of the old days, and although Father Sheridan did not obtain a meeting on the cricket ground, he was certainly overwhelmed with letters and vocal expressions of sympathy.

The fact is, weekly or monthly foreign magazines have never gone down in Hongkong. Many attempts have been made, but none have succeeded. Once the South China Morning Post was going, it tried to run a weekly illustrated called the Weekly Post. It folded up after a few months.

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On August 4, 1908, the China Mail brought out a weekly illustrated called the New Weekly. The proprietor offered \$500 to the person who could select the most suitable title for this new venture. The paper as the Hongkong Weekly, (the winning title) paid very high rates to encourage good writing, but in spite of all this, this journal folded up on March 7, 1908.

The public of Hongkong did not, and do not, want weekly papers. The South China Morning Post had another try with the review of the Far East, in 1907. This collapsed after two weeks.

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The letters were racy, and the double entendre was sprinkled freely. The editor had to keep his eyes skinned as well remember. Most of Hongkong's respectable residents were at home recuperating from a long sojourn in Stanley Camp. The Colony was in the hands of the Military Occupation, and many of the members of that memorable force found a talent for journalism, broadcasting, acting and everything else.

It was at the latter end of this stage, just as the Colony was recovering its Wimbledon Cennion air of respectability that the editor of the China Mail bought what is now an old classic.

He had nothing to worry about. The Daily Mirror bought it also. The writer to the editor pretended to have found a

broken piece of pottery inscribed in Latin. By transliteration, it seemed to be a tag, but by shifting along the letters, the reader is informed of the whereabouts of a most useful but impolite receptacle.

It gave the boys a laugh along at the Snakepit, as we christened the old Hongkong Hotel Bar in Queen's Road.

From now on, these articles and most of the incidents are broken pieces of pottery inscribed in Latin. By transliteration, it seemed to be a tag, but by shifting along the letters, the reader is informed of the whereabouts of a most useful but impolite receptacle.

They were high days, courageous days, not always good days, but the Colony Story is a saga of extremes,

CONTINUED

ON SATURDAY

MISSILE CENTRE ONCE A COWTOWN

Man into space' attempt will be made here

Lompoc, California.

A VAST missile centre stretching for 500 miles along California's coast will be the launching site for America's 1,300-pound satellites. Once serving an area of farms and cattle ranches, the former "cowtown" of Lompoc is now the centre of the largest missile range in the free world.

America's first attempt to send a man into space will be made from here.

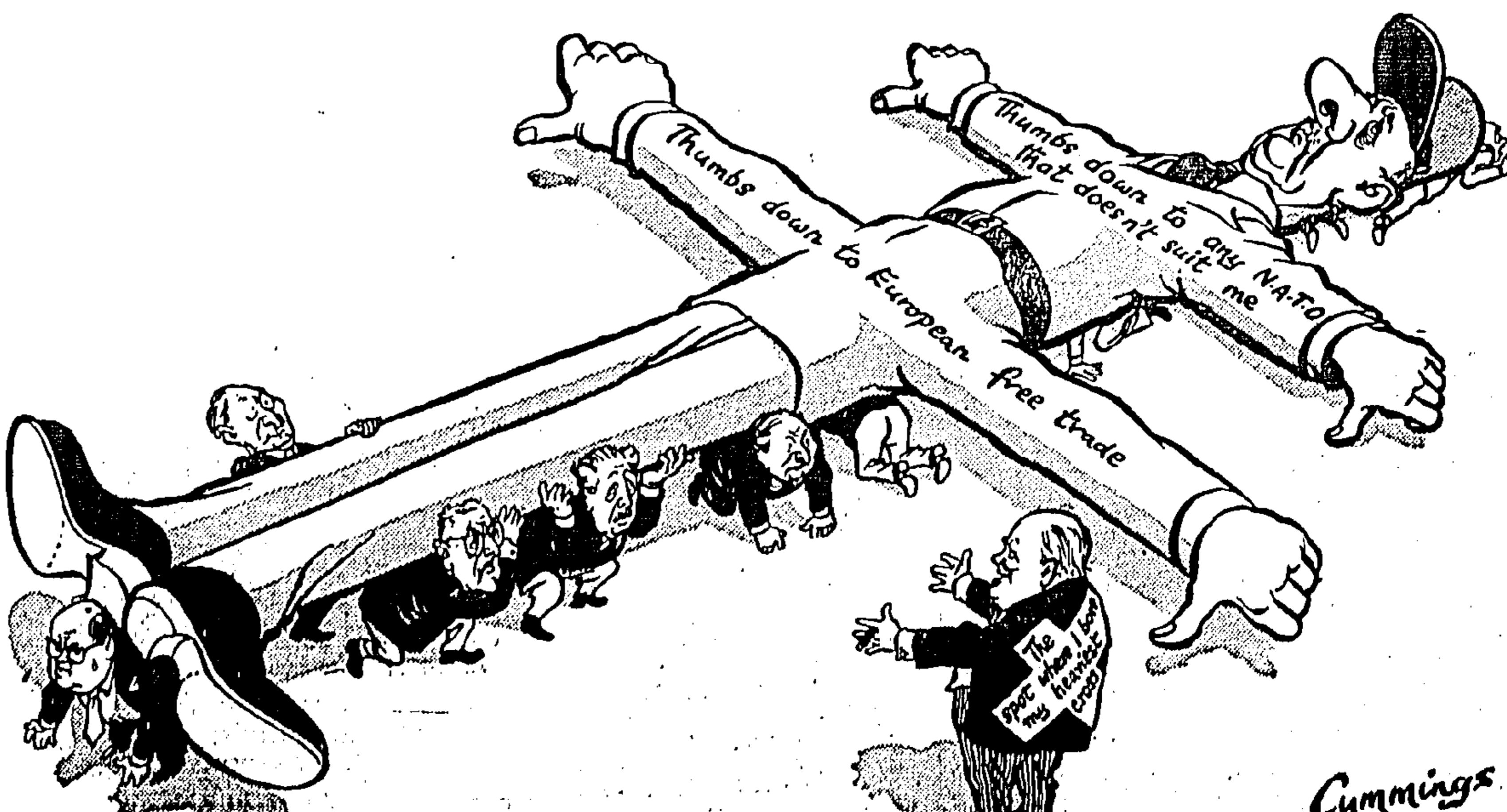
All three of the United States' armed services will be involved in intermediate missiles and the 1,000-mile ICBMs.

The Vandenberg base already has been declared "operational." This means it is ready to fire nuclear missiles across the Pacific.

Scores of buildings housing the apparatus which controls the missiles in flight are scattered from San Nicolas Island, off the southern California coast to Point Sur in northern California.

Although there is no overall commander, the range is

(London Express Service).



"Courage, gentlemen! I bore the Cross of Lorraine... and survived!"

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB 6TH RACE MEETING

Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd January, 1959
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon on the 1st Day. The Tiffin Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$1.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, D'Aguilar Street and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

GUEST BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No 1 Toy (Tel. 72611).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members, and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$1.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the fee of \$1.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Fix-Off Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$1.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 31st December, 1958, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription and the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets at \$1.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep of the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 14th February 1959 may be obtained from the Club Sweep Offices at:

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong on:-

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 27th December, 1958 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Thursday 1st January, 1959 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Saturday 3rd January, 1959 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon on:-

Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 27th December, 1958 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Saturday 3rd January, 1959 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

TOTALISATOR

Betters are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER; NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TOIN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th December, 1958.

RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

Ten Events At Valley Tomorrow

RED LIGHT AND WINSOME STAG EXPECTED TO FIGHT OUT MAIN RACE FOR CLASS 1 PONIES

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Race Meeting of the current season starts tomorrow at the valley and will continue on Saturday, January 3. There are 10 events on the programme tomorrow, the most important of which is the Stewards Cup. It is a handicap race for Class 1 ponies over six furlongs. The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run promptly at 12.00 noon. The tiffin interval will come after the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Given fine weather conditions the meeting should attract a record crowd of racing fans. Here are my estimates of the chances...—

FIRST RACE

Baldydale Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The opening race is confined to Class 5 ponies to be ridden by riders who have not won ten races anywhere at any time.

Bengal Lancer (Robert Luk) ran second to Eunice with T. S. Lam up in the Hamilton Park Handicap (First Section) from the 1½ Mile Post at the last meeting, and it certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

Possible Acceptors: Five Gold, Bengal Lancer, Negro Boy, Sure Gold, Giggie.

5 lbs Allowance for Maiden Novices.

12.30 p.m., Race 2 EPSOM HANDICAP: 1½ Miles, 31 Yards, Class 9.

423 Free Kick (Nr.) Rosa.

120 Blonde (Sofronoff) 152 lbs.

130 Lombard (Metreville) 151 lbs.

140 Caravelle (Nr.) Kwok.

142 Est. Chi (Metreville) 147 lbs.

144 Star Cheek (Metreville) 140 lbs.

146 Attractive Power (Lam) 141 lbs.

150 Good Girl (Metreville) 139 lbs.

152 Dainty (Shiu) 150 lbs.

153 Rocky Bay (Metreville) 150 lbs.

154 Co-ordination (S. H. Wong) 154 lbs.

155 Dainty (Shiu) 150 lbs.

156 Star Cheek (Metreville) 144 lbs.

157 Star Cheek (Metreville) 143 lbs.

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WOMANSENSE TECHNIQUE COUNTS



ON THEIR GOLDEN DAY

DAME SYBIL THORNDIKE and Sir Lewis Casson, Britain's most loved husband-and-wife acting team, celebrated their golden wedding on December 20 at Brighton. But they spent the evening pretending they never married.

For they were co-starring in a new "Eighty in the Shade," written by an old friend, Clemence Dane, as a tribute to the 50 years of marriage.

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"NOW you must put

your feet in that position AT ALL TIMES, sorry, but there it is." I had been given the sitting posture that flattered me most. Out of a choice of three (feet crossed, or branching from one another like leaf from a twig, or feet and knees together in one slender sloping line) the one that flattered me most, it seemed, was with my legs tucked out of sight and feet crossed.

"Helps your ankles, was the

gorgeous teacher's kind rem-

inder.

If you look round the

room you will see that each

girl has been given a position

which she always takes up when

sitting down. Sure enough

every foot in the room was

set with care and precision into

a selected pattern."

"Now your hands. You have a choice of three positions in which to put your hands."

These were right palm facing

inwards resting lightly in left

palm (for the girl who is open

to offers), right palm down-

wards in left palm (for the girl

who has everything), or fingers

casually linked (thinking it

over). I decided to think it over.

All alike

There I was in a large new building in Mayfair and it could be the beginning of a new behaviour-like, look-like, sound-like movement that would make us as indistinguishable as sand-pies.

The handsome young principal of this £20,000 school for beauty and manners was already starting to talk of branches in the provinces.

"We have everything here from an Air Marshal's daughter to a lavatory attendant," he was saying.

The principal of the school,

Mr John Watney, had taken them



by
Anne
Sharpley

"One or two contacts in the diplomatic world still pay off in the way of invitations, though I don't do it more than once fortnight," said Mr. Watney.

"I met a general," Beryl was saying. "He was from India, I think, or one of those islands in India."

"Is it...?" pause, "freedom?"

said Beryl, with a furrowed brow.

Perhaps she ought to read a

book about it, I suggested. "I haven't read a book for years," she said, with a nice directness.

The room was a-wing with wide doe-eyes, undulant with

precise, carefully-learned grace

that would eventually loosen up

and become real grace.

They were all so well-dressed, "They like to keep them in their handbags."

He hung a four-foot snake-pal

round my neck.

The one I was wearing was

the "popular" four foot size

(prices average £3 a foot).

New pets

A new creepy craze among

showgirls has caused a sellout

at a Camden Town pet store.

"We had a dozen box con-

strictors in at the beginning of

the week, now we're nearly sold

out. They have gone to show-

girls," said the proprietor.

"If that one is not big enough

for you what about an

anaconda," he said, pointing to

a great black pile of coils in the

corner. "They're the biggest

snake in the world."

Perhaps the Tiller Girls would

like to share it between them?

—(London Express Service).

No accent

Next we were taught Effective Speech

"You have to learn to speak in a way which will endear you to other people," was no camouflage for the fact that an accent had to go.

The lecturer gave us his formula for making "many friends."

"Learn to keep still and look steadily at the person who is talking to you."

"Now shoot your questions at me," he said. There was, of course, silence. At last, after a long and painful pause, the first question came. "Why do you move about so much when you're talking?" asked an innocent Cockney voice.

Down in the canteen, Beryl (19) and Helen (18), the school's star pupils (they had taken the "Finishing School" course which is 20 guineas for four weeks), were describing their first diplomatic cocktail party.

The principal of the school, Mr John Watney, had taken them

into the dining room to check foraces and then bid the shun.

With reasonable break in hearts the shun would have been a lay-down, but the hearts split five-one and West Fortnum needed a three-set squeeze to make her contract.

She won the opening club lead and played a heart to dummy's Jack. East took his ace and led a second club, Dorothy took the trick, noted

she had the bad break but was not discouraged in the slightest. East had the long hearts and West almost surely held the Jack and ten clubs so the double squeeze appeared to be almost automatic.

It was Dorothy ran out all the diamonds and East had to let go a spade on the last lead of that suit. Now Dorothy cashed her two remaining high hearts and West was also squeezed out of a spade on the last heart lead. Dorothy simply discarded dummy's last club

and made three spade tricks and her slam.

It is worthy of note that a

spade opening and spade continuation would have broken up the bad break but was not difficult to leave when she and her husband retire shortly.

Drinking in the splendour of this gracious home in its magnificent setting, I asked Mrs H. F. Prior if she wouldn't find it very difficult to leave when she and her husband retire shortly.

"My husband and I are keen

black-haired pointer, sat down beside us to have her back scratched.

"Sue," said Mrs Prior, stroking her head, "is the only one of our dogs for whom we have yet to find a home."

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During the war when her

husband was taken prisoner,

she and her daughter were

evacuated to Australia where

they remained for 18 months.

Later she returned to England

and worked for the Ministry of

Production in Cambridge.

Always interested in social

work, Mrs Prior has been very

active in such groups as the

Benevolent Society, the Cheero

Club, the Nine Dragons Club

and many others.

At present she is working

with the Society for the Pro

tection of Children—a task

which she finds tremendously

rewarding.

With a grown family dotted

here and there throughout the

world, Mrs Prior is looking

forward to being near her

daughter Rosemary again. Rose

mary, who has been working in

London for the last two years,

will soon be able to join her

parents for weekends in Scot

land.

Her son, Alan, is a writer

and presently living in Australia.

He has recently written a

comedy murder entitled "Our

Guest is in the Ice Box" which

is now awaiting publication.

Chinese Dagger

"This story," says Mrs Prior

delightedly, "is set in Scotland

and concerns a gentleman who

is found with a Chinese dag-

ger through his heart."

Alan, unfortunately, will not

be able to join the family in

Scotland just yet.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Teddy Changes His Mind

—He'd Rather Eat Than Be A Tin Bear—

By MAX TRELL

"GOOD evening, General Tin,"

said Teddy, the Stuffed

Bear, to the Tin Soldier stand-

ing by the door of the room.

"Good evening, my fat

friend," answered the General

in a rather stiff voice.

"Aren't you tired of always

standing by the playroom

door?" asked Teddy. "You've

been here since the Christmas

before—the Christmas before—

last. No one has ever seen you

sit down." Teddy went on. "You

SENSATIONAL START TO TEST

Sports Diary

TOMORROW

First Day of Sixth Race Meeting.
Happy Valley, Nove. Cricket
Triangular Tournament: HKCC v
RAF-RR, Club, Horse Walking
Hongkong Horse Walking Association
10th Kowloon Cup Race
Sports Day
Kowloon Cricket Club, Children's
Sports, 2 p.m.
NATURDAY
Cricket
1st Division CCC v Army "South"
Optimists RAF, Navy Backyard v
Rovers, 1st XI v Scorpions, Army
North v KCC
2nd Division Army "South" v
DPS, Rovers, RGC, HKC, KCC v
Army "North", Phoenix Ashes v
Police.
Soccer
1st Division Kwong Wah v Police
(KH), CAA v RAF, SFC Waco, 10th,
Kitchener Eastern (BS) all instore
3.30 p.m.
Reserves Division Kwong Wah v
Police (KH), Kitchener Eastern (BS)
2 p.m.
2nd Division Tramways v Club
(Club) 2 p.m., Happy Valley v Tai
Loo (HV) 3.30 p.m., RAF, Kai Tak
v Rovers, 10th KCR, 3 p.m., Dynamics
v Rovers (HV) 3.30 p.m.
3rd Division RHL v Koon Wan
(HV) 2 p.m., C & W v Rediffusion
(HV) 2 p.m., University v Hon Yung
(HV) 2 p.m.

Hockey

Ladies' League RGC v Grenadiers
(KP) 2.30 p.m.
Racing
2nd day of Sixth Race Meeting.
2 p.m.

Europe's Sportsman Of Year

Warsaw, Dec. 30. Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak, Poland's European 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, was named Europe's top sportsman of the year here today.

The Polish runner was nominated in a poll conducted by the Polish News Agency PAP among 12 of the leading News Agencies in Europe.

He scored 97 points against 82 by Ian Black, the British swimmer who took three gold medals at the European swimming championships. Toni Seeler, Austria's world champion skier, was third with 49 points.

Other placings in the first six were:

4. Ionel Balces (Romania), women's world high jump champion, 47 pts.

5. Vasily Kuzyatsev (USSR), European decathlon champion, 43 pts.

6. Roger Riviere (France), cycling, 40 points. Reuter.

WEST INDIES FAVOURED TO BEAT INDIA IN THIRD TEST

Calcutta, Dec. 30. West Indies, one up in the series, are favourites to beat India in the third Test which opens here tomorrow.

If Alexander wins the toss, as he has done in the first two Tests, India may have to contend with a turning wicket in their second innings on the fourth or fifth day.

West Indies have lost a much stronger all-round side. India's batting has appeared formidable on paper though it has proved suspect, and the attack is limited to four recognised bowlers—medium pacers D. G. Phadkar and Surendra Nath and spin bowlers Ghulam Ahmed and S. P. Upadhyay.

J. Ghorpade will replace Gopinath in the Indian team.

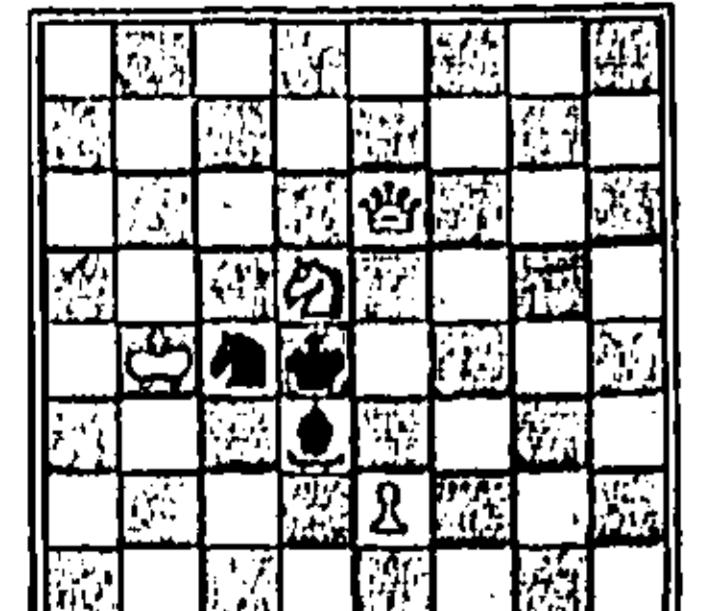
The West Indies team shows two changes from the team which won the second test at Kanpur. Roy Gilchrist and Sonny Ramadhin replace Jaseek Taylor and Lance Gibbs.

The Teams

The teams are:—
India: Ghulam Ahmed (Captain), N. S. Tamhane, D. G.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by L. Andersen (Denmark, 1941). White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution No. 5638: 1. D-B7!, QxP; 2. RxP ch, QxR; 3. Q-K7 ch, RxP; 4. R-R1 mate or 1. RxB; 2. Q-K7 ch! RxQ; 3. RxP mate.

London Express Service.

England Lose First Three Wickets For Only Seven Runs

MAY AND BAILEY TAKE SCORE TO 55 FOR THREE AT LUNCH

Melbourne, Dec. 31. The second Test match went off to a sensational start here today as, with the score at seven, Alan Davidson claimed three valuable England wickets in his second over without conceding a run.

But Trevor Bailey, tried as an opener, and his captain, Peter May—leading England for the 27th time and celebrating his 29th birthday—checked the threatened collapse with careful play and at the luncheon adjournment had brought England's score to 55 without further loss, with Bailey 29 and May 22.

Davidson's victims this morning were Peter Richardson, caught behind the wicket by Wally Grout for three, Willie Watson, yorked by an unwinged lancer he had scored, and Tom Graveney, out leg before, before a duck to Davidson's next ball.

Davidson, at the end of this over had figures of 2-1-4-3. He bowled splendidly unchanged for 80 minutes before giving way to Hickey Benaud.

After sending England's 50 up in 85 minutes, May had a "lifeline" to Benaud's very first ball of the day, the Australian captain dropping a return a foot off the ground. Benaud got both hands to the ball but failed to hold it. May promptly celebrated his escape with a two off the next delivery.

One Change

Each side showed one change from the first Test, won by Australia in Brisbane.

Bobby Simpson replaced Peter Burge in Australia's team, and Willie Watson came into the England team in place of injured Arthur Milton.

The pitch showed traces of green on a lightish brown surface when Richardson and Bailey opened the innings.

"Barmy" Bailey was opening for the first time, but he was resuming a partnership with Richardson which proved fairly successful.

The openers took four off Davidson's first over, with Bailey gaining applause as he single-handedly off the first ball he received.

Meekiff started with a wide and bowled a couple of others with the offstump, but Bailey sent his last ball away for two.

Disaster

Then disaster struck—Richardson snicked Davidson's first ball of his second over and Grout snapped up the catch for England to be one down for only seven, of which the batsman had made 3.

Three balls later Davidson struck another great blow for Australia—yorking Willie Watson with no addition to the score.

Watson played over the delivery and had his wickets shattered.

Further disaster befell England as Tom Graveney was out leg-before to the first ball from Davidson, a well pitched up delivery (7-3).

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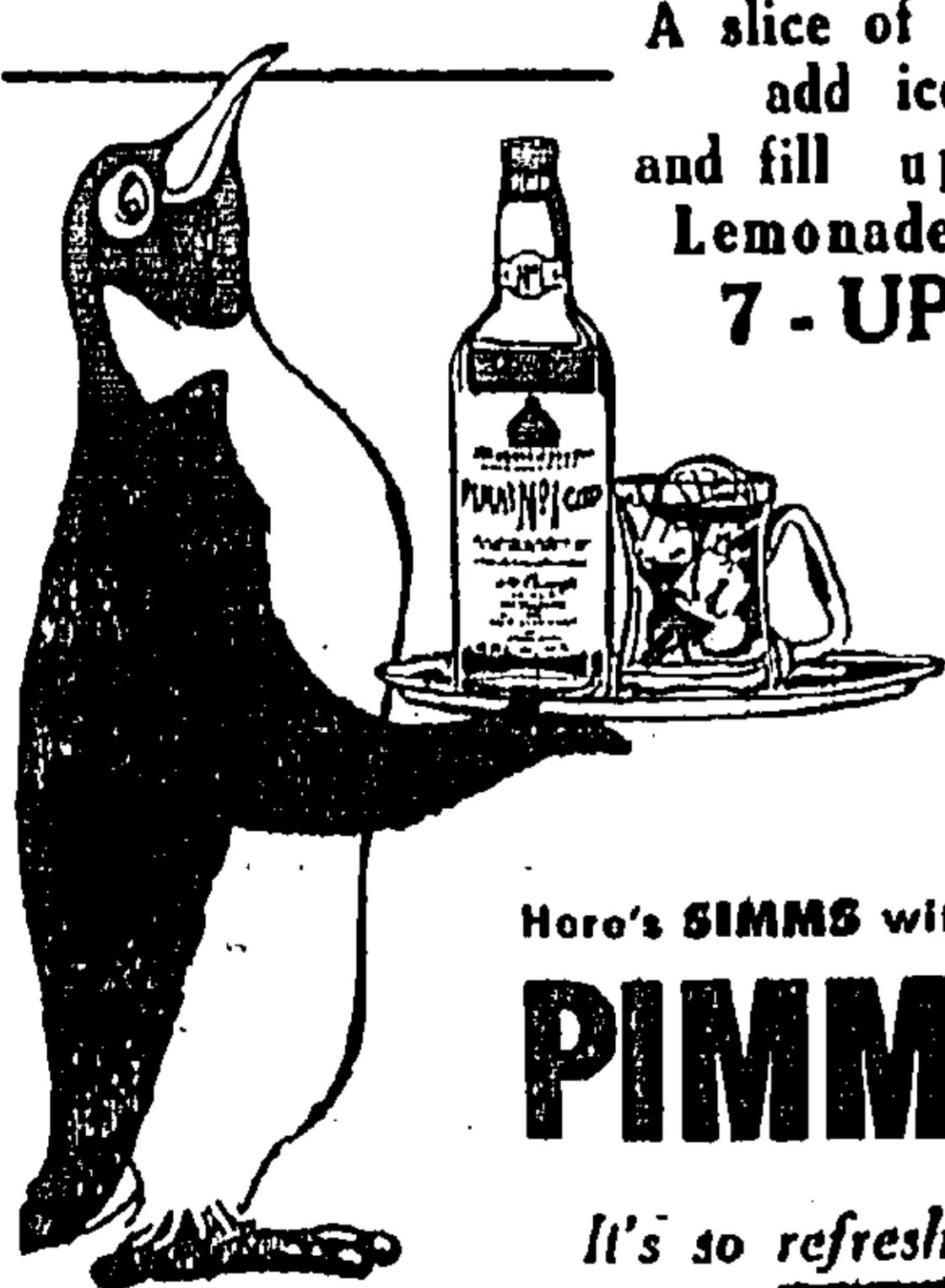
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He Risks Death To See Mars

AT a little-used airfield on the outskirts of Paris a slightly-built Frenchman is waiting to attempt one of the most daring scientific experiments of the century—an experiment in which the slightest slip means death in any one of a dozen forms.

The experimenter, Audoin Dollfus, 30-year-old internationally famous astronomer, will ascend by balloon to nearly 80,000 feet to make observations which he hopes will prove once and for all whether life can exist on Mars.

The project, kept a close secret until now, has started astronomers throughout the world with its anxiety. For Dollfus, if he succeeds, will have formulated instruments carrying earth satellites in one of the first tasks which had been planned for them.

From inside his tiny metal sphere—its interior diameter is less than six feet—he hopes to examine Mars both with a specially-constructed telescope and with a new type of spectroscope to establish whether there is enough water on the planet to support life.

If there is water, he will also try to determine whether it flows along the famous canals which have been one of the greatest astronomical controversies since their discovery nearly 100 years ago.

In the cold, clear air 80,000 feet above the earth's surface he will be well above the stratospheric cloud and heat zone that disturb ground observations of the planet.



Dollfus in the kapok-covered suit he will wear on his stratosphere flight.

Aeronautical Museum still travels throughout Europe to make agents at charity fêtes and air shows.

In 1954 father and son made a balloon ascent to 22,500 feet above France to enable the young astronomer to study Mars.

Audoin Dollfus returned from the flight with some remarkable observations. His experiments at that altitude suggested that there was 100 times as much water on the red planet as had been estimated from ground observations.

But the 1954 ascent was not conclusive enough to convince the young scientist. He had to get higher yet to establish his facts.

So in the living-room of their modest Paris apartment the aviator father and his astronomer son settled down to plan a new balloon.

But what has emerged after four years work is not one but two balloons.

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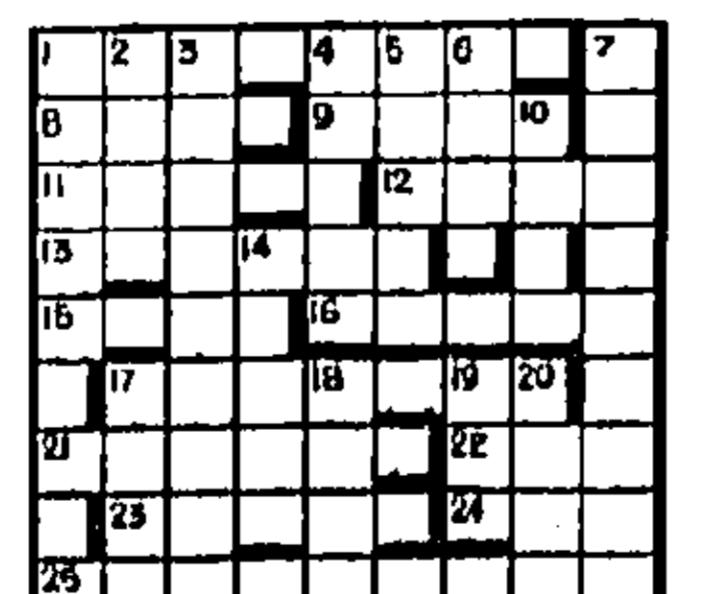
The balloons each about 10 feet across at sea level are strung in threes on a long nylon line.

And at the bottom of the line will be the tiny metal gondola constructed of aluminum and magnesium for lightness and covered in white latex sponge for insulation against the bitter cold of the extreme altitudes.

When he wants to descend he will be able to sever the balloons one by one, from the branches that will stream above him into the star-filled sky, until he starts to drift slowly earthwards.

In the gondola with young Dollfus, will be a tiny radio transceiver with which he will keep in touch with his father 15 miles below.

If anything goes wrong there may be little that can be done to help the astronomer hermetically sealed in his tiny swinging metal prison.

CROSSWORD

Across:

1. Assigns (9) 9. Country. (14)
10. Table necessity. (12)
12. Disposition. (6)
13. Inheritance. (6)
14. One more. (7)
15. Boy's name. (6)
16. Give up. (5)
22. Prone. (6)

23. Give name. (9) 25. Better. (6)
Down:

1. Extravagant. 2. Bars of art. (9)
3. Part of larger. (6)
4. Shoot. (6)
7. Town of Shakespeare's birth. (11)
8. North "east". (11)
10. "I'm a" (11)
14. Nake. (6)
17. Take a fair. (6)
18. North. (6)
19. History. (6)
20. Wander. (6)

Across:

1. PIMM'S
2. STANDARD
3. GIBSON'S

PEOPLE in the news

Kay And Rex Lose Savings

"I FEEL IT'S ALL MY FAULT", SOBS KAY



ACTRESS Kay Kendall, wife of actor Rex Harrison, sat in her dressing-room at the Winter Garden Theatre and said: "Rex and I have lost all our savings—everything."

With tears in her eyes she added: "The awful thing is that I feel it has all been my fault. I feel terrible."

Miss Kendall was talking about the closing after only 12 performances of the play in which she and Gladys Cooper were starring. "The Bright One."

Mr Harrison, who is now appearing in "My Fair Lady," was the play's director.

Said Miss Kendall: "Rex and I put all our savings into this play. We had a half-interest in the production."

A Disaster

"This financial disaster—and that is what it is to people in our position—was my fault because it was I who discovered the play and persuaded Rex to put up the money and direct it."

The usually vivacious red-headed Kay looked pale and dispirited as she talked to me about the abrupt end of her first West End starring role.

She took several sips of mineral water and as she spoke again absently with two Chinese pug dogs, Higgins (named after Professor Higgins, the part her husband plays in "My Fair Lady"), and Woolseck ("after the Lord Chancellor"). (Lord Kilmuir, the Lord Chancellor, is Mr Harrison's brother-in-law).

Although it was not well reviewed, the decision to close the play surprised everyone connected with it.

"It's Rotten"

"It was the sole decision of the producer, Mr Jack Minster," said Miss Kendall. "He has given no reason and no one can understand it as everything was going well, with bookings

"Although it is terribly disappointing for me to lose this part, I feel much more sorry for the stagehands and people like that. It is awful for them to be thrown out of work like this. It's absolutely rotten."

"As an actress, I accept the fact that you can't succeed all the time, and you must have one or two failures. That's show business."

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

THE priggish father of a second day of the first Test match. (Sunday paper.)

A simple answer A MAN whose nerves were affected by the perpetual noise of an airfield near where he lived, made a complaint. He was told, "If you want more and more planes, you must endure the noise." "But, you see," said the man patiently, "I'm shocked."

Reading between the lines of his statement, it is easy to visualize the great old battle that must have gone on for some time between top public servants who had their home and social orbit in Canberra and a determined Minister who wanted to make Canberra a real capital and not a bush town.

Such is the power of public servants these days, however, that Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and his outstanding ability won't be quenched on the backbenches.

Two retired sawyers, one aged 78 and the other 74, have had to be engaged to cut up a huge 1,800-year-old cedar tree felled recently on the North Coast.

The tree is far too large for modern machinery to cut up, and it is necessary to use an old-time manual pitsaw, 10 feet

long, and sawyers who know the art of operating it.

A Kempsey sawmiller, Mr W. H. Haydon, found and felled the tree, which was dying in an almost inaccessible gorge on the upper reaches of the Macleay River.

It was taken over by a new subsidiary company of John Fairfax & Sons, who have announced that the logs will continue to be published under an independent authority.

No money has been mentioned in the deal, but it is understood that not much short of £1 million is involved.

This makes the Fairfax group one of the most powerful newspaper owners in Australia and leaves only the Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph as independent newspapers in Sydney.

It contained 16,000 super feet of timber, compared with 3,000 super feet in a relatively large cedar tree.

A special road was built into the gorge and powerful winches and one-inch steel ropes used to haul the logs out.

Mr Haydon says he found a pit-saw after an exhaustive search.

Then two brothers, Albert (28) and Bill (24) Kyle, of Belbrook, agreed to operate it.

The log is placed over a pit, one sawyer stands on top of it and the other stands in the pit beneath.

By alternately pulling they cut the log up into boards of any desired width. Considerable skill is required to make the saw run true.

After cleaning and setting the oil saw, the two old-timers set about their colossal task of cutting the huge log into planks.

Despite the fact that they had done no pit sawing for many years, they had lost none of their former skill, and slowly, but straight and true, the long pit saw reduced the log to wide cedar planks.

At one stage of their work, Mr Bill Kyle commented: "The old saw has got a bit of a twist in it."

"Yes," said his brother Albert, "I noticed that last time we used it."

"When was that?" asked a bystander.

"It was when we were cutting beams for the Long Flat Bridge in 1904, wasn't it, Albert?" said Bill.

Wharries working the Italian ship Bellarix in Cairns threatened to walk off last week because it did not fly the Australian flag in port.

The cargo ship's master, Captain V. Di Rocca, prevented the stoppage when he hoisted an Australian flag borrowed from a shipping firm.

Union officials said foreign ships in Australian ports usually flew the Australian flag as a courtesy gesture.

Mail Notices

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Hawaii, U.S.A.; Canada, 6 p.m.; Thailand, Burma, Malaya, 6 p.m.; Formosa, Korea, 6 p.m.; Japan, 6 p.m.; China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.; By Surface

Philippines, Netherlands, 3 p.m.; Malay, Indonesia, 3 p.m.; Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 6 p.m.

Malta, People's Republic, 6 p.m.; China, GENERAL HOLIDAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1959

By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Philippines, 3 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.

India, Aden, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

FRIDAY

By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Philippines, 3 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.

India, Aden, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

SATURDAY

By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Philippines, 3 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.

India, Aden, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

SUNDAY

By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Philippines, 3 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.

India, Aden, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

THE CHINA MAIL, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1958.

THE HK STOCK EXCHANGE - 1958

Commodity Prices

RUBBER

NEW YORK
Rubber futures today closed three to 30 points higher with sales of 30 contracts.
Closing prices:
Jan 20/55 Mar 30, May 29/52
July 29/52 Sept 29/50, Nov 29/50
Jan 29/50

AMSTERDAM
The rubber market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, off Jan., as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2.30 buyers
No. 2 rubber 2.30 buyers
No. 3 rubber 2.30 buyers
No. 4 rubber 2.30 buyers

SINGAPORE

The market was down slightly at the opening and eased further on some godown hedge selling.

No. 1 rubber per lb Jan 30/54
Feb 31/54
Mar 31/54
Apr 31/54
May 31/54
June 31/54
July 31/54
Aug 31/54
Sept 31/54
Oct 31/54
Nov 31/54
Dec 31/54

Blanket crepe 70/70's

No. 1 pale crepe 60/60

NEW ORLEANS
Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot 33/50, Mar 34/22, May 34/22,

July 33/50, Oct 32/50, Dec 31/51;

Mar 31/50, May 31/51

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closing, in pence per lb, were as follows:

American Contract

Dec/Jan 21/50 Mar/April 21/50

May/June 21/50 July/Aug 20/50

Oct/Nov 19/50 Dec/Jan 19/50 U.P.I.

METALS

LONDON

The tin market was steady while other metals were also steady today. Prices closed at the end of the unofficial afternoon session, all in sterling per long ton, as follows:

Buyers Sellers
Tim smelt 750 751
Smooth 750 751
Copper 750 751
Lead 2nd half 750 751
Zinc 2nd half 750 751
Mar 750 751
May 750 751

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

LONDON

Closing rates were:
2/26/58 2/26/58
New York 2/26/58 2/26/58
Montreal 2/26/58 2/26/58
Amsterdam 10/50/58 10/50/58
Brussels 13/9/58 13/9/58
Copenhagen 19/33/58 19/34
Frankfurt 11/50/58 11/50/58
London 79/75-80/75
Paris 1749/-1749/-
Milan 20/00/-20/01
Oslo unquoted
Paris 14/40/-14/40/-
Stockholm 72/75-72/75
Vienna U.P.I.

COTTON

NEW YORK
Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Apr 30/50 Jun 31/50 May 34/50 May 31/50

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General markets cut back 24/-24/-

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Fraternal Visit By Cruiser's Captain



Capt. F. R. Twiss of the cruiser HMS "Ceylon", paid a formal visit to the ship's affiliated regiment, the First Battalion the Green Howards at Stanley Fort this morning.

It is the cruiser's first visit to Hongkong.

After inspecting a ceremonial guard Capt. Twiss visited the Officers' Mess with his host, Lt Col W. K. Pryke. Later they had lunch.

It is customary for Royal Navy Ships—cruisers and bigger ships—to be affiliated to some regiment of the Army.

Boy Killed, Man Hurt In Road Mishaps

A six-year-old Chinese boy was killed and a cyclist was injured in two traffic accidents on Hongkong Island yesterday.

The boy, Lo Choi-yau, of 45 Lee Garden Road, ground floor, was knocked down and fatally injured by a private car near his home. He was taken to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment but was found dead upon his arrival.

A 26-year-old man, Wong Che-ko of 356 "J" Block, La Cheng Luk Resettlement Area was injured when his bicycle collided with a lamp post in Island Road near Chai Wan.

He was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment

Captain Twiss inspects a Ceremonial Quarter Guard formed by the battalion's "A" Company under the command of Sgt R. F. Gash.—China Mail Photo

INDECENT FILM: MAN GAOLED

Wong Ming, 20, was sentenced to three months by Mr I. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for showing indecent films.

Wong, who had a previous conviction for a similar offence, was caught in a house in Jordan Road yesterday.

Four rolls of film seized in the raid were ordered to be confiscated.



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Magistrate Rebukes

Pickpocket:

Man Gets 18 Months

"The offence of picking pockets has been known almost as long as human beings have worn clothes and possessed pockets and I feel I must punish with severity this impudent theft which was committed in broad daylight and in a thickly populated district," said Mr L. T. Morris at Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr Morris was giving judgment in which 42-year-old unemployed Ng Shing was charged with theft.

Sentencing Ng to 18 months' gaol, Mr Morris commented that "offenders of this type are a real menace to the community and exemplary punishment must follow this conviction."

Insp. J. A. Dempsey told the Court that on December 24 detective Chow Tong noticed Ng following a Chinese woman in Yee Wo Street.

Later he saw Ng put his hand into the woman's overcoat pocket and take out a purse containing \$4.05.

The detective arrested Ng.

Commended

Insp. Dempsey told the Court that Ng had 14 previous convictions, two of them of a similar nature.

In his judgment, Mr Morris said that he placed on record the action of the detective as deserving of the highest commendation and "I trust that his part in this investigation will be brought to the notice of his superiors."

Mrs James Scott, a widow from San Diego, California, making her sixth cruise to the Orient, arrived this morning on board the President Cleveland.

This is the fifth Christmas cruise the President Cleveland has made to the Far East, and Mrs Scott has travelled on them all. She has also made another cruise on the Cleveland.

Mrs Scott, who lived in Cebu for seven years before the war, said she was very fond of travelling and liked to spend her Christmases abroad as she had no family in America.

She said that the cruises to the Far East brought back many memories of the Far East which she knew before the last war.

A spokesman of the American President Lines said passengers were given a deduction in fare for a complete round-trip on the Christmas cruise.

Over Christmas, special entertainment and festivities were provided.

"But It Won't Bring Peace"

Born, Dec. 30. American achievements in rocket development cannot solve the East-West political problem, the leader of West Germany's opposition Social Democratic party said today.

Erich Ollenhauer said there is no military solution to the present political situation and that the New Year should see East-West negotiations in disarmament, European security and German reunification.

The greatest task for 1959, Ollenhauer said in a New Year's article in the Socialist party press service, is to retain the freedom of West Berlin by political means.—U.P.I.

PARACHUTE TO FIT IN BRIEF CASE

Manchester, Conn. PARACHUTE which would fit into a standard brief case was ready to go into production at the Pioneer Parachute Co. here.

Announcement of the new design in parachutes was made in New York by the Reliance Mfg. Co., successors of Pioneer.

The chute uses the basic idea of helicopter rotors and has sail-like cloth blades which spin. The device, known as the Vortex Ring parachute, has excellent inherent stability, low shock effect on opening, and virtually no oscillation or glide characteristics.

It has less bulk and is lighter than the parachutes now being used.

The chute was designed by David T. Bartholomew, 37, a New York aeronautical engineering consultant and was developed and patented with financial help from Laurance S. Rockefeller.

It is now being tested by the armed services for military paratroop and cargo air drop operations and missile recovery.

Manufacturers of jet aircraft are also experimenting with it.—U. P. I.

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Father Was In China Before 1914

Countess Maria Monika Praschma, Secretary of the Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in Tokyo, arrived this morning from Japan on the President Cleveland.

The vessel is making a round-trip holiday cruise.

Countess Praschma, daughter of the late Count Cal Praschma of Silzen, East Germany, joined the Embassy in June 1957.

She said her father had been in China for 12 years before the first World War, and was a military instructor in Nanking for some years.

New Post For American

Lt.-Commander Harry R. Lubcke arrived from the United States in the President Cleveland this morning en route to Bangkok to take a new post as Supplies in the U.S. Navy Joint Military Assistance Advisory Group in Thailand.

He was accompanied by his wife and three children.

Mr O. J. Negard, Managing Director of American President Lines in Japan arrived with his wife and son on holiday.

Missile Explodes

Cape Canaveral, Dec. 30.

A Polaris intermediate range ballistic missile fired by the American Navy here today was blown up a few minutes after launching when it went off course.

This was the third consecutive time that a Polaris missile has had to be destroyed after launching.

This missile is designed to be carried on submarines and other vessels.—Reuter.

LINER BEGINS LAST TRIP TO HK SCRAPYARD

Southampton, Dec. 30. The 37-year-old Union Castle liner Arundel Castle (19,205 tons) which made 211 voyages to Africa and has steamed nearly 3,000,000 miles in its life left Southampton today for Hongkong to be broken up.

She was sold for £240,000.

Ships in port sounded farewell blasts as the liner left with a skeleton crew of 70.

The liner's successor is Pendennis Castle, due to sail on her maiden voyage to South Africa on New Year's Day.—Reuter.

From the Files

25 years ago

MR Wu Chao-chu, one of China's best known diplomats and a most distinguished Kuomintang politician died suddenly at his Hongkong residence at 3 Hing Hon Road, yesterday. Mr C. C. Wu was a Hongkong boy, son of the veteran statesman Wu Ting-fang. Entering the Chinese diplomatic service his distinguished career reached its peak when he became Chinese minister to Washington.

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SUMMONED before Mr Balfour in the Central Police Court for allowing her dog to be abroad without a muzzle, Mrs S. Perry, of The Peak, pleaded guilty, but added that it was deliberate negligence on the part of her coolie, whom she discharged the day after the offence.

"The coolie has been with us for a year," said Mrs Perry. "And he has been told every day of his life to put the muzzle on the dog. In these cases can't anything be done to punish the coolie?"

His Worship imposed the usual fine of \$8.

A similar fine was meted out to Mr R. R. Davies, of 600 The Peak, Mr G. P. B. Fitzgerald of 357 The Peak and Mr A. Prismall of 32, The Peak, for like offences.

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From a leading article in the SCM Post: "The Hongkong Traffic Department is making a further effort to increase the general safety by marking plainly on the roadways a warning to drivers to proceed slowly at points where danger exists. The idea is a good one and deserves to succeed rather better than it probably will do. Motorists become familiar with these warnings in time and forget or ignore them, while there is an indefatigable conspiracy on the part of the elements, the dust and wear and tear, to obliterate all road marks as soon as they have been made. With general co-operation, however, the experiment should prove worth while, though results be invisible, since people who escape accident leave no evidence."

The Prosecution said that the boy after assaulting two girls aged three and six years earlier this month, ran away from his house.

He returned with his elder sister on Christmas Day to surrender himself.

Cold And Rainy New Year

A break in the dry weather of the past five days is expected to hit the Colony tomorrow, according to a statement made by the Royal Observatory this morning:

"A cold surge which this morning was lying across Central China to the S of Shanghai is moving SW and is expected to pass through Hongkong early tomorrow.

"This will bring cloudy conditions with patches of light rain and a fall in temperature."

Armed Robbery

A man armed with a dagger robbed a woman pedestrian of a wrist watch, valued at \$60, in a path leading from Lok Shan Road to Homwatin Village yesterday.

He was accompanied by his wife and three children.

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Tourists Arrive

Earlier in the afternoon, a man was arrested for attempting to steal a fountain pen from a Police Inspector in plain clothes near the Dairy Farm in Nathan Road.

Another man has been detained by the Police following the theft of a jacket valued at \$25 from a private car, parked in Wardley Street.

Paquerettes

A group of tourists, mostly teachers and United States Government personnel, arrived from Japan in the President Cleveland this morning.

A tour around the island has been arranged for the tourists tomorrow.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As another year rolls by, we wish our many friends and their loved ones a joyous and prosperous New Year with a big thank you for all your favours and patronage.

Paquerettes

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